

In the Claims:

- 1      1. (original) An insulation packet comprising:
  - 2                an insulation material; and
  - 3                a directionally selectively permeable film completely
  - 4                surrounding and encasing said insulation material;
  - 5                wherein said film has a directional diffusion
  - 6                characteristic comprising two different diffusion
  - 7                resistances with respect to water vapor diffusing through
  - 8                said film respectively in two opposite directions at a
  - 9                given location of said film.
- 1      2. (original) The insulation packet according to claim 1,  
2                wherein said film has a varying porosity through a  
3                thickness thereof.
- 1      3. (original) The insulation packet according to claim 1,  
2                wherein said film has a varying material composition  
3                through a thickness thereof.
- 1      4. (original) The insulation packet according to claim 1,  
2                wherein said film has a varying hydrophilicity or  
3                hydrophobicity through a thickness thereof.
- 1      5. (original) The insulation packet according to claim 1,  
2                wherein said film is a single-layer film that has a  
3                gradient of at least one of porosity, material composition,

4 and hydrophilicity or hydrophobicity through a thickness  
5 thereof.

1 6. (original) The insulation packet according to claim 1,  
2 wherein said film is a multi-layer film comprising plural  
3 layers that respectively have at least one of different  
4 porosities, different material compositions, and different  
5 hydrophilicities or hydrophobicities relative to each  
6 other.

1 7. (original) The insulation packet according to claim 6,  
2 wherein said plural layers are laminated together to form  
3 said multi-layer film as a unitary multi-layer film without  
4 a gap between said layers.

1 8. (original) The insulation packet according to claim 6,  
2 wherein said plural layers are not all laminated together  
3 and include at least one air gap therebetween.

1 9. (original) The insulation packet according to claim 1,  
2 wherein said film has a temperature-dependent porosity,  
3 with a lower porosity at a lower temperature and a higher  
4 porosity at a higher temperature.

1 10. (currently amended) The insulation packet according to  
2 claim 1, wherein said film has a temperature-dependent  
3 water transport characteristic ~~hydrophilicity~~ or  
4 ~~hydrophobicity~~, with a smaller water transport ~~more~~

5           hydrophobic character at a lower temperature and a larger  
6           water transport ~~more hydrophilic~~ character at a higher  
7           temperature.

1       **11.** (original) The insulation packet according to claim 1,  
2           wherein said film comprises a polyetherimide.

1       **12.** (original) The insulation packet according to claim 1,  
2           wherein said film comprises:

3           poly (2,2-bistrifluoromethyl-4,5-difluoro-1,3-dioxole)  
4           (PDD) / polytetrafluoroethylene (PTFE).

1       **13.** (original) An insulation packet comprising:  
2           an insulation material; and  
3           a selectively permeable film completely surrounding  
4           and encasing said insulation material;  
5           wherein said film has a first diffusion resistance  
6           with respect to water vapor diffusing through said film  
7           outwardly out of said insulation packet and a second  
8           diffusion resistance with respect to water vapor diffusing  
9           through said film inwardly into said insulation packet, and  
10          wherein said second diffusion resistance is greater than  
11          said first diffusion resistance.

1       **14.** (original) The insulation packet according to claim 13,  
2           wherein said film has both said first diffusion resistance  
3           and said second diffusion resistance uniformly at all  
4           locations on said film.

1       15. (original) The insulation packet according to claim 13,  
2       wherein said packet has two opposite major surfaces formed  
3       by said film, and wherein said film has both said first  
4       diffusion resistance and said second diffusion resistance  
5       uniformly at all locations on both of said two opposite  
6       major surfaces.

1       16. (original) The insulation packet according to claim 13,  
2       wherein said film includes a first film portion and a  
3       second film portion respectively provided at two opposite  
4       major surfaces of said packet, said first film portion has  
5       said first diffusion resistance, and said second film  
6       portion has said second diffusion resistance.

1       17. (original) The insulation packet according to claim 13,  
2       wherein said second diffusion resistance is high enough to  
3       prevent water vapor from diffusing through said film  
4       inwardly into said insulation packet, while said first  
5       diffusion resistance is low enough to allow water vapor to  
6       diffuse through said film outwardly out of said insulation  
7       packet.

1       18. (original) The insulation packet according to claim 17,  
2       wherein at least a portion of said film uniformly has both  
3       said first diffusion resistance and said second diffusion  
4       resistance.

1       **19.** (original) The insulation packet according to claim 13,  
2        wherein at least a portion of said film uniformly has both  
3        said first diffusion resistance and said second diffusion  
4        resistance.

1       **20.** (original) The insulation packet according to claim 13,  
2        wherein said insulation material is a flossy fleece of said  
3        insulation material.

1       **21.** (original) The insulation packet according to claim 20,  
2        wherein said insulation material consists of polyphenylene  
3        sulfide.

1       **22.** (original) The insulation packet according to claim 13,  
2        wherein said film includes a first film portion having said  
3        first diffusion resistance and a first film thickness, and  
4        a second film portion having said second diffusion  
5        resistance and a second film thickness, and wherein said  
6        second film thickness is greater than said first film  
7        thickness.

1       **23.** (original) In an air vehicle including an outer skin, an  
2        inner trim component that is arranged spaced from said  
3        outer skin with an interspace therebetween and that bounds  
4        an interior cabin therein, and an insulation arrangement  
5        including an insulation packet disposed in said interspace;  
6        an improvement of said insulation arrangement,

7                   wherein said insulation packet comprises an insulation  
8                   material and a gas permeable film that completely surrounds  
9                   and encases said insulation material,

10                  wherein said film has an inner film surface that faces  
11                  inwardly in said insulation packet toward said insulation  
12                  material and an outer film surface that is opposite said  
13                  inner film surface and that faces outwardly from said  
14                  insulation packet, and

15                  wherein said film has a first diffusion resistance  
16                  with respect to gas diffusion through said film from said  
17                  inner film surface to said outer film surface outwardly out  
18                  of said insulation packet and a second diffusion resistance  
19                  with respect to gas diffusion through said film from said  
20                  outer film surface to said inner film surface inwardly into  
21                  said insulation packet, wherein said second diffusion  
22                  resistance is different from said first diffusion  
23                  resistance.

1                  **24.** (original) The improvement of the insulation arrangement in  
2                  the air vehicle according to claim 23, wherein said second  
3                  diffusion resistance is greater than said first diffusion  
4                  resistance.

1                  **25.** (original) The improvement of the insulation arrangement in  
2                  the air vehicle according to claim 23, wherein said film  
3                  includes a first film section and a second film section  
4                  that are joined with each other along joined edges thereof,

5           wherein said first film section and said second film  
6           section respectively have different film properties.

1       **26.** (original) The improvement of the insulation arrangement in  
2           the air vehicle according to claim 25, wherein said first  
3           film section and said second film section respectively  
4           consist of different film materials.

1       **27.** (original) The improvement of the insulation arrangement in  
2           the air vehicle according to claim 25, wherein said first  
3           film section has a smaller thickness than said second film  
4           section.

1       **28.** (original) The improvement of the insulation arrangement in  
2           the air vehicle according to claim 27, wherein said  
3           insulation packet has said first and second film sections  
4           on opposite sides thereof and is oriented with said first  
5           film section toward said outer skin and said second film  
6           section toward said inner trim component.

1       **29.** (original) The improvement of the insulation arrangement in  
2           the air vehicle according to claim 25, wherein said  
3           insulation packet has said first and second film sections  
4           on opposite sides thereof and is oriented with said first  
5           film section toward said outer skin and said second film  
6           section toward said inner trim component, said first film  
7           section consists of a first film material having a first  
8           gas diffusion resistance coefficient in a first diffusion

9 direction through said first film section from said inner  
10 film surface to said outer film surface thereof, said  
11 second film section consists of a second film material  
12 having a second gas diffusion resistance coefficient in a  
13 second diffusion direction through said second film section  
14 from said outer film surface to said inner film surface  
15 thereof, and said second gas diffusion resistance  
16 coefficient is greater than said first gas diffusion  
17 resistance coefficient.

1 30. (original) The improvement of the insulation arrangement in  
2 the air vehicle according to claim 23, further comprising  
3 a stringer arranged in said interspace, wherein said  
4 insulation packet is arranged adjacent to said stringer so  
5 as to form an air gap between said insulation packet and  
6 said outer skin.

1 31. (original) The improvement of the insulation arrangement in  
2 the air vehicle according to claim 30, further comprising  
3 spacer members arranged between said stringer and said  
4 insulation packet or between said stringer and said outer  
5 skin.

1 32. (original) The improvement of the insulation arrangement in  
2 the air vehicle according to claim 23, wherein said inner  
3 trim component has openings therethrough, which allow air  
4 containing water vapor to pass from said interior cabin  
5 through said openings into said interspace and to contact

6           a surface of said film facing toward said inner trim  
7           component.

1       **33.** (original) The improvement of the insulation arrangement in  
2           the air vehicle according to claim 23, wherein said air  
3           vehicle further includes an air conditioning device that  
4           provides conditioned air, said insulation packet is spaced  
5           away from said inner trim component to form an inner air  
6           space therebetween, and said conditioned air is admitted to  
7           said inner air space to flow therethrough.

1       **34.** (original) The improvement of the insulation arrangement in  
2           the air vehicle according to claim 23, wherein said film  
3           consists of a synthetic plastic, said insulation material  
4           consists of polyphenylene sulfide, and said insulation  
5           packet has a cross-sectional contour fitted to a contour of  
6           said outer skin.

1       **35.** (original) The improvement of the insulation arrangement in  
2           the air vehicle according to claim 23, wherein said film  
3           includes a first film section on a side of said insulation  
4           packet oriented toward said outer skin and a second film  
5           section on a side of said insulation packet oriented toward  
6           said inner trim component, said second film section is a  
7           water vapor barrier that hinders water vapor from  
8           permeating into said insulation packet through said second  
9           film section, and said first film section is a water vapor

10           permeable film that allows water vapor to permeate out of  
11           said insulation packet through said first film section.

1       **36.** (original) In an aircraft including an outer skin, an inner  
2           trim component that is arranged spaced from said outer skin  
3           with an interspace therebetween and that bounds an interior  
4           cabin therein, and an insulation arrangement including an  
5           insulation packet disposed in said interspace;

6                   an improvement of said insulation arrangement, wherein  
7                   said insulation packet comprises an insulation  
8                   material and a gas permeable film that completely surrounds  
9                   and encases said insulation material,

10                   said film includes a first film section on a side of  
11                   said insulation packet oriented toward said outer skin and  
12                   a second film section on a side of said insulation packet  
13                   oriented toward said inner trim component,

14                   said second film section is a water vapor barrier that  
15                   hinders water vapor from permeating into said insulation  
16                   packet through said second film section, and

17                   said first film section is a water vapor permeable  
18                   film that allows water vapor to permeate out of said  
19                   insulation packet through said first film section.

1       **37.** (original) The improvement of the insulation arrangement in  
2           the aircraft according to claim 36, wherein said first film  
3           section has a greater porosity than said second film  
4           section.

1       38. (original) The improvement of the insulation arrangement in  
2           the aircraft according to claim 36, wherein said first film  
3           section has a more water permeable character and said  
4           second film section has a more water vapor impermeable  
5           character relative to each other.

1       39. (original) The improvement of the insulation arrangement in  
2           the aircraft according to claim 36, wherein said first and  
3           second film sections both respectively have a  
4           temperature-dependent water vapor permeability  
5           characteristic that is more permeable by water vapor at a  
6           higher temperature and less permeable by water vapor at a  
7           lower temperature.

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